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March 11, 2016

Re: L. E. Carpenter
Wharton, Morris County, New Jersey
SRP PI# 003017

Dear Ms. Simmons-Pierre:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP or Department) has completed a review of the document titled "Response to USEPA Comments on the Work Plan for Ecological Evaluation of the Eastern Drainage Ditch and Rockaway River" dated February 25, 2016, submitted pursuant to CERCLA and the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation at N.J.A.C. 7:26E (Tech Rules).

The Department's comments on the submittal are provided below.

1. RTC #1 – The rationale for NJDEP's previous comment asking TRC to include sample locations (transects) in the Rockaway River that include locations where the highest contaminant concentrations were previously detected is to ensure that the entire range of concentrations detected will be evaluated. This may not have been addressed by TRC in their RTCs. TRC is requested to provide further explanation how their proposal will address this concern and provide representative surface water and sediment data.
2. RTCs Attachment 2, Page 4 of 9 - "Evaluate Surface Water and Sediment" – For the purposes of ecological evaluation, TRC is advised that NJDEP considers the 0-6" zone of sediment to be the Biologically Active Zone (BAZ).

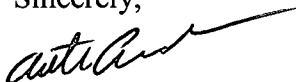
Please incorporate these comments into the letter that the USEPA will be sending to L.E. Carpenter.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter I may be contacted at (609) 633-1416, or at Anthony.Cinque@dep.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,



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